Networking can be daunting, but Dana Whatley-Smith, Manager, Learning & Development, Duquesne University, offers simple tips to help you become a pro and build your professional connections on our thought leadership blog!

If you’re interested in becoming an author, contact Abby Swalga at aswalga@pawomenwork.org or 412-904-4675.

**Thought Leadership Blog Series**

*Your gift transforms lives for years to come*

When you give to PA Women Work, you make a commitment to helping women in our community create a better life. You empower them with opportunities, skills and the support they need to find a job that can transform not just their lives, but their families’ lives, as well.

During this giving season, consider making a contribution that will provide women from all backgrounds the strength they need to change the trajectory of their futures for decades to come.

Let’s transform more lives. [Click here](#) to watch one woman's journey and [give today](#).

A special thank you to those of you who gave to our organization this Giving Tuesday. We appreciate all of your support.
PA Women Work was included in the 2019 Pittsburgh Foundation Wish Book. We are so grateful that our wish of providing 100 professional haircuts for 100 of our clients was donated in full by both the Rita M. McGinley Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation and the H. John Heinz Family Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation.

We are looking forward to sharing this gift with our clients, so they can look and feel their very best as they go into upcoming job interviews.

Thank you UPMC & Duquesne Light!

We'd like to extend a special thank you to UPMC and Duquesne Light. Their generosity will allow us to continue providing workforce development support to residents in the Northview Heights area.

If you or someone you know lives in the Northview Heights area and is interested in learning more, contact us at 412-742-4362.

Lunching & learning to better support female veterans

Many of us can agree that obtaining a job often comes down to the strength of your network. For female veterans, adjusting to civilian life is difficult due to the many unique challenges and barriers they face, including a lack of professional connections.

According to the Institute of Veterans and Military Families, female veterans are the fastest growing veteran population. One way to help make the transition to civilian life and into the workforce easier for our female vets, is to offer mentorship through 3 Cups of Coffee.

Earlier this fall, we hosted a Lunch + Learn with female veterans and experts to help our mentors better understand their experience and equip them with the skills needed to best support this population.

Thanks to generous support from FedEx, Alcoa and our partner organizations, our mentors had an incredibly productive session.

If you are interested in learning more about 3 Cups of Coffee, contact Taneshya Williams at 412-904-1345.

Bringing holiday cheer to our clients!

When you are out of work or underemployed, the holidays can present a huge financial burden. Thanks to a generous anonymous donor, we are able to make the holidays brighter for our clients and their families who are struggling.
New Choices
Are you or is someone you know looking for a new job or fresh start? Check out one of our classes below!

Squirrel Hill
Center for Women
January 27 - February 26
Mondays and Wednesdays
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wexford
Northway Christian Community
January 27 - March 30
Mondays only
6:30 - 9:30 p.m.

McCandless
Northland Public Library
January 27 - March 30
Mondays only
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Downtown Pittsburgh
PA Women Work
January 28 - February 27
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
*Optional computer class directly following

Braddock
The Hollander Project
February 11 - March 12
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Murrysville
Cornerstone Church
March 4 - May 6
Wednesdays only
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.
*No class April 8 for Holy Week

For more information, call us at 412-742-4362. Click here for more details on upcoming classes.

Congrats to our graduates!

Thanks to all who joined us at Circle of Hope!

We are so thankful for everyone who attended or participated in this year’s Circle of Hope Awards Dinner on October 22. It was an incredible evening where we recognized inspiring women and companies for their dedication to diversity, empowerment and employment.

Year after year, we are honored to partner with local corporations, volunteers, and community members to make this event possible. A special thank you to PNC Bank for their support as our premier sponsor. To view more pictures from this year’s event, please visit our website.

Let the countdown begin for next year – the 20th Annual Circle of Hope! Watch for more information coming soon, including ways to nominate individuals and corporations for awards and other ways to get involved.

Building skills in Job Club
This fall was filled with New Choices, and we closed out the year with a Customer Service class. We are so proud of all of the clients who have come through our programs this year, and we can’t wait to see what they accomplish next!

This fall, thanks to our partners at BNY Mellon, we hosted Job Club – a series of six meetings that participants could attend based on their specific needs.

Each session offered a different professional development focus area, such as making a strong first impression or building a professional social media presence. Alongside BNY Mellon experts, job-seekers continued to expand their skills and interview tactics to help further their employment search and find success.

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